

Before The
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC

In the matter of:)	
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Creation of a Low Power Radio Service)	MM Docket-99-25
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Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules)	MB Docket 07-172
for FM Broadcast Translator Stations)	RM-11338
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MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

REC Networks (“REC”), an unincorporated entity through its founder Michelle (Michi) Eyre is a long-time proponent for the Low Power FM (LPFM) radio service from the original petitions for the service through today and into the future. Over the years, REC has also been involved in other issues involving a citizen’s access to the electromagnetic spectrum. REC has also always had a concern about broadband availability in rural and other underserved areas.

The eastern United States has felt the impact of Hurricane Irene and many areas have received considerable damage. The President has described Irene as a “historic hurricane”¹. The Commission has activated the Disaster Information Reporting System². REC and other allies had heard from licensed LPFM stations in the potentially impacted areas that they are “battening down” and making preparations. REC’s east coast operations located in Mardela Springs, Maryland had been advised by Delmarva Power to expect power outages lasting “up to a week or longer”³. PEPCO is reporting 186,624 customers in the Washington, DC area experiencing a power outage⁴. Other state agencies and power utilities are reporting that over a million

¹ - Statement of the President, August 26, 2011.

² - See “The FCC’s Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau Announces The Activation of The Disaster Information Reporting System in Response to Hurricane Irene” – News Release, DA 11-1464.

³ - The power is currently out at “REC East”. REC is continuing operations from “REC West” in Arizona.

⁴ - From: <http://www.pepco.com/home/emergency/maps/stormcenter/>

customers are currently without electricity.⁵ Some of the key players in this proceeding are located in the projected storm path. The storm path included many metro markets that are the subject of this proceeding. We must also not forget that the Low Power FM proceedings generate a lot of interest from the general public. Over the past decade, tens of thousands of Americans have participated in the various proceedings of MM Docket 99-25. Many of these Americans are now recovering from a “historic hurricane”.

In the best interest of assuring that LPFM and full service stations located in the impacted and forecasted areas best serve their listening audiences and to allow those who have deep concerns about the future of LPFM and FM Translators and to address the potential for long power outages, REC is requesting that the Commission extend the comment period by two weeks with comments being due on **September 12, 2011** and reply comments being due on **September 27, 2011**. We feel that this short two week extension will allow proponents in this proceeding to piece together their affairs in the aftermath of the hurricane and to allow LPFM and full-service broadcasters ample time after concluding their hurricane operations to participate in this proceeding while not causing a significant delay in the disposition of the Auction 83 applications and the eventual LPFM filing window. REC feels that a two week delay in this proceeding will best serve the overall public interest.

Respectfully submitted,



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⁵ - See “Irene Pounds Coast, Leaves Power Outages and Flooding in Aftermath” – The Wall Street Journal. August 28, 2011. Retrieved from <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111904332804576536081445471562.html>